(b) if so, the date of the notice and circumstances under which the closure notice was served;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have now permitted them to reopen the mines;

(d) if so, the provisions under which this has been done;

(e) whether it is fact that the coking coal is also being produced in the mine, but it has been declared as non-coking coal and is being burnt in the boilers of DVC thermal power plant, thereby not only contravening the rules of conservation of coal but also depriving the Government of Bihar from higher royalty payable to them; and

(f) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (f) Government in the Ministry of Coal is not aware of the closure notice if any served by Director General of Mines Safety on Burmo coal mines of Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC). According to the available information, Coal Controller issued a notice dated 11-11-94 on Chairman DVC asking the Corporation to stop production and despatch of coal from Bermo mines to their power station. The notice was issued on the ground that DVC had not obtained permission for reopening the mines under clause 14 of Colliery Control Order. Further according to Coal Controller the coal being mined was coking coal and should not have been wasted by burning in the power station.

Chairman DVC approached the Government for a review of Coal Controller's notice representing that the mines was captive to DVC and that the grade of coal of Bermo mine was declared 'E' non-coking coal and that no revision of grade had been made. Government sought detailed comments of Coal Controller on this representation and ordered that no further action in this regard be taken pending further advice from Government.

Percentage of Slurry from washeries of BCCL and CCL

6730. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of slurry coming out of different washeries of BCCL and CCL of the feed coal during the last three years;

(b) whether this slurry is being sold as metallurgical coal or non-metallurgical coal;

(c) what is the price and rate at which these slurries are being sold, details thereof, washery-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that huge quantity of slurry is being sold as slurry reject or under any other nomenclature to particular parties only at a lesser rate; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including names of parties, quantity and rate etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) As per information received from Coal India Limited

(CIL), the percentage of slurry of the feed coal coming out of washeries of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) and Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) during the last three years are given below:—

Washeries	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
BCCL :			
Dugda I & II	15.10%	15.10%	16.60%
Bhojudih	4.67%	5.13%	5.06%
Patherdih	12.50%	10.50%	10.50%
Barora	8.20%	8.50%	9.00%
Sudamdih	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%
Moonidih	11.88%	10.17%	9.18%
Mohuda	(Varies between 8 to 10)		
Lodna	5.60%	7.00%	10.20%
CCL :			
Kargali	4.84%	4.82%	8.62%
Kathara	12.80%	13.60%	8.70%
Swang	5.30%	5.20%	4.80%
Gidi	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Rajrappa	5.00%	5.00%	5.00%

(b) The slurry is sold as metallurgical or non-metallurgical coal depending on the quality as found by actual analysis.

(c) Slurries are sold as per the declared grade price in accordance with the notification or at the prices fixed by open tender in case bulk

offers are invited. Details of selling price per tonne of slurry is as under:

Washery	Grade	Rate per tonne (ex cluding Sales Tax) (In Rs.)
DCCL :		
Degda	+28% Ash (Mixed slurry) Varies C to E	534.00
Patherdih	+35% Ash (Dierty slurry) Varies C to E	498.50
Moonidih	+21% W—II	770.25
Sudamdih	+28% W—IV	604.00
CCL :		
Kathara	D	482.50
	C	614.50
Swang	C	614.50
Rajrappa	D	482.50
Gidi	D	482.50
	E	398.50

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Incentives to officers of safety departments of ECL and BCCL

6731. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) how many officers of the Safety Department both in ECL and BCCL have been promoted to senior positions during the last five years;

(b) whether such officers of the safety department have also been considered for deputising in the ILO conference as is being done for officers of similar rank in production, administration and personnel departments;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof and whether Government propose to consider giving due incentives to officers of the Safety Department also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) ECL—5.
BCCL—3.

(b) to (d) The executives working in Safety Department are considered at par with executives of other disciplines.

Buying of Gyratory Crushers by NCL

6732. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item appearing in the 'Sunday Mail' (Jan. 29-Fab. 4 Edition) under the caption "WB bullies NCL to buy globally" resulting in the National Coalfields Ltd. (NCL's) rejection of offer of two Gyratory Crushers at a lower cost from Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd. (HEC) in favour of Finnish Company;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor and whether Government are aware that as a result of (a) above. Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board is being starved of mechanically crushed coal; and

(c) the remedial steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) Dudhichua opencast coal mine is a World Bank aided project of Northern Coalfields Ltd. (NCL). As per the World Bank guidelines, construction of Dudhichua Coal Handling Plant was awarded to M/s. HHI, Korea through global bidding on turnkey